

CHAPTER NO. 695

SENATE BILL NO. 3257

By Harper, Haynes

Substituted for: House Bill No. 3365

By Sontany, Briley, Odom, Sherry Jones, Garrett, Langster, West, Harwell, Michael  
Turner

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-4-115, relative to inmate health care.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:


SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-4-115, is amended by deleting subsection (d) and substituting instead the following:

(d) Any county or municipality may, by resolution or ordinance adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of its legislative body, establish and implement a plan authorizing the jail or workhouse administrator of such county or municipality to charge an inmate in such jail or workhouse a co-pay amount for any medical care, treatment, pharmacy services or substance abuse treatment by a licensed provider provided to such inmate by the county or municipality. The county or municipality adopting the co-pay plan shall establish the amount the inmate is required to pay for each service provided. Nothing in this subsection (d) shall be construed as authorizing a county or municipality to deny medical care, treatment, pharmacy services or substance abuse treatment by a licensed provider to an inmate who cannot pay the co-pay amount established by the plan.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 5, 2004

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 2004

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR